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1. WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE MORE TIME THAN ORIGINALLY
PLANNED TO REVIEW UK AND FRG CONTRIBUTIONS TO CEILING
ISSUES AND COMPARE THEM WITH THE US POSITION. THEREFORE,
WE PROPOSE THAT THE DISCUSSIONS BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE WEEK
OF MARCH 17. WE NOW PREFER WASHINGTON AS VENUE IF CONVENIENT

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2. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS WHICH BOTH THE

BRITISH AND GERMANS HAVE MADE TO PRODUCE PAPERS TO MEET OUR ORIGINAL TIME-TABLE AS WELL AS THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO HOST THE MEETING IN BONN. EMBASSIES SOULD CONVEY TO HOST GOVERNMENTS AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL OUR APOLOGIES FOR ANY INCONVENIENCES WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY OUR DECISION TO REQUEST A DELAY IN THE TALKS. WE WISH TO PROVIDE TIME FOR A THOROUGHGOING REVIEW WHILE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT UK AND FRG VIEWS. INGERSOLL

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